NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE

HM12/0630

LAHIVE & COCKFIELD 28 STATE STREET BOSTON MA 02109.

APF		FILING DATE	TOTAL CLAIMS	FYAMINED AND CO.	
First Name	09/079,942	05/15/9	8 015	EXAMINER AND GROUP ART UNIT	 DATE MAILED
Applicant TITLE OF INVENTION		VITAMIN I	35 3 COMPOUNT	USC 154(b) term ext. =	06/30/99

CYCLIC ETHER VITAMIN D3 COMPOUNDS, IA(OH) 3-EPI-VITAMIN D3 COMPOUNDS

ATTY'S DOCKET NO. CI	ASS-SUBCLASS BATCH NO. 514-451.000	APPLN.TYPE S	MALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
THE APPLICATION IDEAS				\$1210.00	09/30/99

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT.

THE ISSUE FEE MUST BE PAID WITHIN <u>THREE MONTHS</u> FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED.

HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE:

- I. Review the SMALL ENTITY status shown above... If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:
- A. If the status is changed, pay twice the amount of the FEE DUE shown above and notify the Patent and Trademark Office of the change in status, or
- B. If the status is the same, pay the FEE DUE shown

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

- A. Pay FEE DUE shown above, or
- B. File verified statement of Small Entity Status before, or with, payment of 1/2 the FEE DUE shown above.
- II. Part B-Issue Fee Transmittal should be completed and returned to the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with your ISSUE FEE. Even if the ISSUE FEE has already been paid by charge to deposit account, Part B Issue Fee Transmittal should be completed and returned. If you are charging the ISSUE FEE to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B-Issue Fee Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted.
- III. All communications regarding this application must give application number and batch number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Box ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Utility patents issuing on applications filed on or after Dec. 12, 1980 may require payment of maintenance fees. It is patentee's responsibility to ensure timely payment of maintenance PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE COPY

PTOL-85 (REV. 10-96) Approved for use through 06/30/99. (0651-0033)

Notice of Allowability

Application No. 09/079,942

Applicant(s)

Reddy

Examiner

Taofiq Solola

Group Art Unit 1613

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.
★ This communication is responsive to the telephone interview of 6/17/99
☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-16 (now 1-15 respectively)
☐ The drawings filed on are acceptable.
☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been ☐ received.
☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number)
received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*Certified copies not received:
Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).
□ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
\square because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No4
including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on, which has been approved by the examiner.
☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal lettter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.
☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.
Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.
Attachment(s)
□ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s).
✓ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152 ☑ Interview Summary, PTO-413
⊠ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Application/Control Number: 09/079,942 Page 2

Art Unit: 1613

Examiner' Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr.. Timothy Douros on 6/17/99.

1. Claims 1 and 17 are now canceled.

Response to Argument

The Examiner is in total agreement with the applicant that the prior art by Muralidharan et al., J. Org. Chem., 1993, 58(7), 1895-1899, did not anticipate the compounds of claim 2. Therefore, the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is now withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Taofiq A. Solola whose telephone number is (703) 308-4690.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Johann Richter, can be reached on (703) 308-4532. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4556.

Art Unit: 1613

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

Johann Richter

Supervisory Patent Examiner

Group 1613

June 17, 1999